Welcome to Physics 106, Summer term!

The quick and dirty approach to Physics 106 . . .

1. The professor’s name is **Professor or Sister Magleby. I prefer Professor Magleby. If you call me Sister Magleby I think you are a member of the student ward I am serving in and then I get confused**--

2. The TA’s name is **Corbin Jacobs. He has worked with me for several semesters. He is amazing. He handles anything to do with the reading quizzes or the website**.

3. **True** Physics 106 is a good way to prepare for the physics portion of the MCAT, especially if you take the time to memorize the equations needed for the exams. I blatantly teach to the test.

4. The four units covered in Physics 106 are:
   a. Electricity
   b. Magnetism
   c. Modern Physics (Relativity and Quantum)
   d. Optics

5. What is the text book? **Physics, by James Walker, second volume, any edition.**

6. Do I have to buy it? **No. With a little extra fuss you can use the Serway texts that are chained to the tables in the TA lab, and buy a separate Mastering Physics code. Sadly, the publishers know how to package their wares so that it is generally more expensive to buy a used textbook and a separate Mastering Physics package online than to buy the combination set from the BYU Bookstore.**

7. What is the course website **http://www.physics.byu.edu/faculty/magleby/physics106.aspx**

8. When is homework USUALLY due? **Mondays just before noon, so you can get to class!**

9. What are the three exceptions to #8?
   a. **Wednesday, July 6th, for HWs 3, 4 & 5**
   b. **Friday, July 22nd for HWs 11 & 12**
   c. **Wednesday, July 27th for HW 13**

10. Can homework be turned in late for half credit? **Yes, to a point. Cutoff dates for each unit coincide roughly with the test periods, and can be found on the schedule.**

11. Can homework be turned in late until the end of the semester? **NO, only the last unit’s homework can be turned in at the end of the semester, and even that unit cuts off at noon the last day of class.**

12. **True** All homework will be submitted online. **http://www.masteringphysics.com Course name is MAGLEBYSUMMER2011**

13. What percentage of my overall score is homework worth? **35%**
14. **T/F** I can skip homework zero if I have already used MasteringPhysics/Chemistry, etc.
   
   **True.** Homework zero is a MasteringPhysics Orientation, worth zero points.

15. What does LIM stand for? “Life is Messy”

16. How many LIM points do I get? **25, or roughly the equivalent of one homework.**

17. Can I waive my rights to LIM points? **Sure! Occasionally a student will choose this option in exchange for having me decide what the “fair” way is to handle some specific unusual situation. It is generally not to their advantage.**

18. **FALSE** Professor Magleby will give me an extension if I wait until the last minute to do my homework/ the computer crashes/ I get sick/ my roommate breaks up with his/her boy/girlfriend, etc. etc. etc. **But it’s OK! I already gave you the LIM points to use as needed. Use them wisely.**

19. **FALSE** Professor Magleby will go into the system and change my homework score if I forget to hit the final “submit” button/ slip and hit the wrong key/ the TA misleads me/ I accidentally do the wrong assignment/ etc. etc. etc. **But smile! I already gave you the LIM points to use as needed. But be wise!**

20. How many times can I try a problem in Mastering Physics without penalty? **Five**

21. Where do I get my CID number? **The class website. See question #7.**

22. How much are reading quizzes worth? 5% of your overall grade

23. When are reading quizzes due? **Noon, before each class period, so you can get to class.**

24. Where do I go to take the reading quizzes? **The class website. See question #7.**

25. **False** Reading quizzes can be done late. **That would defeat the purpose!**

26. **True** Reading quizzes can be done early. **Corbin is usually very good at getting the reading quizzes up early.**

27. Where is the Physics 106 tutorial lab? **Immediately above the classroom in N304 ESC.**

28. **FALSE** I’ve used my I-clicker in other BYU classes, so I’m set to go. It must be registered on the class website, NOT THE BYU WEBSITE!!! **See Question #7**

29. In-class quizzes are worth how much extra credit? **Up to 1% of your overall grade, scaled against the rest of the class.**

30. **TRUE** It is my responsibility to assure that my I-clicker is registered and working properly.

31. **TRUE** The exams will be administered in the testing center.

32. **T/F** The testing center schedule for spring/summer classes is the same as fall/winter classes. **FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, BEWARE, BEWARE, BEWARE!!! It’s up to you to check the testing center schedule and line conditions.**

33. **FALSE** The final exam will be cumulative.

34. **FALSE** If I have a really, really good reason I can take an exam late.

35. **TRUE** If I have a really, really good reason I can take an exam early.
36. What do I do if I somehow miss an exam? **Call 801 422-7056 ASAP (even in the middle of the night) and leave a detailed message. Don’t worry, we’ll work it out.**

37. **TRUE** Physics 106 will be graded on the curve. I HATE THIS!!!! I’m sure that you do, too. All I can do as a teacher is to make the expectations as clear as possible. Please be aware that Physics 106 is often one of the last courses students take before applying to medical school. This means that scores tend to be high and that many of you “HAVE” to get an A.

38. **FALSE** The College of Physics and Mathematical Sciences won’t mind if I bring my baby to class. Sorry, too many people abused it, and now the college has a rule . . .

39. **TRUE** Having to speak to students about dress code issues makes me cranky. **But I will if I have to—Thanks to all my great students, I haven’t had to have an uncomfortable dress code conversation for several semesters!**

40. T/F Professor Magleby could write me a great letter of recommendation. False. A letter of recommendation from me would only hurt your chances of getting into med school. It would be a form letter and read something like: “Jane Doe was one of 157 students in my summer 2011 Physics 106 class. She ranked _____/157 and received a grade of _____. Because Ms. Doe did not work with me personally, I cannot speak to her ability to solve difficult problems/overcome challenging life situations/work with others/work independently/remain calm under pressure/ . . . “